approval of Government of India which has benefited the domestic carriers by about 20%.

Regulatory authority for Airports

635. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the absence of regulatory authority is delaying the setting up of greenfield projects as well as upgradation of existing airports thus keeping investors away;

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the measures proposed to set up regulatory authority at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, there are plans to set up a Regulatory Authority.

Financial assistance to Orissa

636. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have funded the opening deficit of certain States;

(b) if so, the details thereof with special reference to the State of Orissa;

(c) what is the additional Central assistance rendered to Orissa;and

(d) whether any kind of conditions were attached to this additional financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A sum of Rs. 463 crores has been approved as a Medium Term Loan to Orissa. This assistance is conditional to the State having